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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please amend the attached divisional application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 103 – 123:

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103. (New) A dry precursor cigarette sheet material comprising a non-combustible material for treating cigarette sidestream smoke; sheet reinforcement; a binder; and organics, said organics being combustible at a temperature of a high temperature cigarette burn zone of a burning cigarette.

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104. (New) A dry precursor cigarette sheet mater of claim 103 wherein said non-combustible material comprises an oxygen storage component, the oxygen storage component being a metal oxide having multiple oxidation states.